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Arresting a Woman Striker in Passaic

THE UNITED FRONT AT PASSAIC

By James P. Cannon



BUILDING THE I.L.D.

By ROSE KARSNER.



I. L. D. Is Growing.

THAT International Labor Defense is expanding and beginning to draw to itself larger circles of workers is evidenced by reports we are receiving from the field.

More than one hundred questionnaires have been sent to local secretaries this month, of which only 21 have replied thus far. Their figures are illuminating. They are as follows:



AN I. L. D. WORKER
George Bey, Endicott, N. Y.

	Total Membership	Members with Political Affiliations
Youngstown, Ohio	85	36
Ashtabula Harbor, O.	16	16
Toledo, Ohio	79	40
Canton, Ohio	92	24
Yorkville, Ohio	70	33
East St. Louis, Ill.	8	5
W. Frankfort, Ill.	85	60
Auburn, Ill.	42	12
Valier, Ill.	56	12
Jamesstown, N. Y.	15	9
Endicott, N. Y.	64	23
Perth Amboy, N. J.	42	23
Newberry, Mich.	26	9
South Bend, Ind.	98	30
Arden, Del.	19	4
Hartford, Conn.	100	45
McKees Rocks, Pa.	26	6
Library, Pa.	23	23
McDonald, Pa.	6	5
Denver, Colo.	210	?
Milwaukee, Wis.	100	?
TOTALS	1,262	415

This means that more than 50 per cent of the total number of individual dues-paying members in the branches which have reported, are non-partisan in their political convictions.

The past year has been spent in trying to draw into the I. L. D. as many varying shades of opinion as possible. Our aim has been, from the very inception of the or-

ganization, to build a broad, non-partisan mass movement for labor's defense. A shield for the working class against capitalist persecution. That we are moving in that direction is proven by the figures just quoted.

Remember the Class-War Prisoners.

The pledge fund is not coming along as fast as it should. Our members don't seem to fully realize how much the little sum of \$5, which we send monthly, means to men behind bars.

In some instances it means that the class-war prisoner is enabled to get special services such as dental treatment. In other cases it means that this monthly contribution is saved up toward the day of release when the buried man comes to life again. He needs a little money with which to get clothes, and very often to keep himself until he finds work. In many other cases it means a help to the dependents. Read some of the letters from the prisoners printed in this issue. They tell you how much letters from the outside and the little help we render means to them on the inside.

Thus far we have secured only 7 monthly pledgers. Number 7 came from Joseph Wilson of Long Beach, Wash.

Each branch should consider it its duty to get a pledge for this fund. Get some individual member or friend of a member to make this monthly contribution. Or get several to make up the \$5 and send it in through your secretary.

Appoint somebody to be responsible for the sending of a letter to one of the class-war prisoners. It makes them realize that they are not forgotten. The national office will send a complete list of the names and addresses of the class-war prisoners to all branches.

Get your pledge in before the 10th of June so we may print the names of the individuals and branches in the July issue. Make it a long list.

Speakers.

Walter Trumbull, "the rebel soldier," is still on tour for the I. L. D. He is now on his way back to Chicago stopping at Steubenville, East Liverpool, Youngstown, Akron, Toledo, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Gary, and Milwaukee. He has also been booked for Minneapolis and St. Paul. This means a total of 36 cities he will have spoken in since his release, February 22, up to June 1.

Henry Corbishley, recently convicted together with 7 other "fighting miners" at Zeigler to 1 to 14 years' imprisonment, will speak in the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh districts May 15 to June 5. International Labor Defense has been conducting the defense of the 20 miners at Zeigler, 8 of whom have already come to trial. Corbishley will tell the story of the conviction and what led up to it. He has also spoken in St. Louis, Kansas City, Chicago and Cleveland.

Every I. L. D. local should hear the Zeigler story. It is one of the biggest frame-ups since the Mooney-Billings affair.

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, J. P. Cannon and Stanley Clark will make a number of meetings in behalf of the Passaic defense.

Bishop William Montgomery Brown has spoken in a number of cities during May. The last date was at West Frankfort and Zeigler. He has promised the I. L. D. some date for next fall. Secretaries should put in their requests now.

From Our Secretaries.

Summer is coming and along with it the need for special outdoor activities.

One of the local executive members of



MANIA BENDER
A Booster from Columbus, Ohio

Chicago has suggested that each branch be asked to hold its monthly meeting in the open, combining it with some social affair. A hike to some cool wooded spot. A small branch picnic in some nearby park. A Sunday basket lunch party, etc. The routine work can be carried on regularly in this manner and thus keep the branch from disorganizing.

From Boston we get word that a big picnic is being arranged by the Local for May 31. Hacker of Cleveland, writes that a monster picnic is to take place there July 25. Local Chicago is also making definite plans along this line, as are New York and Los Angeles. Zeigler has already held its picnic on May 1, and met with much success. Corbishley sent a check for \$435 as a result of the picnic.

Passaic.

A well illustrated pamphlet is in preparation, written by Mary Heaton Vorse who has been with the strikers since they went out. The pamphlet will be published by the I. L. D. and will be part of the campaign which we are conducting for the de-

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Wearing gas masks and trench helmets on the march to the picket line

The United Front at Passaic

By James P. Cannon.

THE Passaic strike started out as a local dispute between textile workers and the mill owners over a cut in wages, but it developed into a historic battle in the class struggle. Other issues of fundamental importance for all the workers of America came into the foreground and dominated the struggle, along with the issue of wages. Other forces besides those directly involved at the beginning were brought into play. Passaic became a battle ground with the whole country looking on or taking part, according to their interests.

The sixteen thousand textile workers would have had the bosses licked long ago if it had been a simple fight between the two. But the mill bosses had powerful friends who came to their aid. They used the public authority on their side as though it

were something they carried around in their pocket. This was an eye-opener for the workers, most of whom had been under the impression that America is a free country where a working man has got a chance and where the government belongs to the people.

The bosses, with the help of the public officials and the courts, would have crushed the strike by this time if the thing had stopped there. But something happened that the bosses and perhaps the bulk of the workers never figured on. The strikers also had found powerful friends who put protecting arms around them. Everything that is alive in the labor movement is taking a hand in Passaic. They can't starve out the strikers at Passaic because the workers throughout the country won't let them. Money and food flows into the strikers' relief committee in a steady stream. They can't suppress the rights of the strikers and railroad the leaders either; at least, not without a fight

of such proportions as they never dreamed of when they started their reign of terror.

Passaic used to be a drab mill town, with workers unorganized and fearfully exploited. It is something infinitely bigger and better today.

When you say Passaic nowadays, everybody knows what you mean. Passaic means monstrous exploitation. Passaic means the public officials, the courts, the police and the governor of the state all lined up on the side of the bosses and giving everybody a blunt and simple answer to the question: Who owns the government? Passaic means armored cars, police clubs, gas bombs and injunctions. Passaic means the solidarity of the capitalists and control of the government by them.

But now there is another side to Passaic. Passaic also means heroic and determined struggle. It means the inexhaustible resources of courage and endurance that lie deep in the working class. It means admiration, sympathy and support from workers far and near. Passaic means the United Front. It means Union. It means leadership of integrity and skill. Passaic means Weisbord. It means the awakening solidarity of labor.

At the time this article is being written, the Passaic strike is entering its seventeenth week with ranks unbroken. It is no longer an isolated local affair. Large sections of the labor movement throughout the country have already taken a hand in it. The heroic struggle of the Passaic textile workers against heavy odds has impressed itself so strongly on the rank and file of the labor movement that it has become very difficult for any one to oppose them. Even those who tried to do so at first—those who tried to disown it as an "outlaw" strike—had to change front. The Passaic strikers have fought so well and have

Weisbord
addressing a
meeting of
strikers at
Passaic



been led so skillfully as to compel the admiration and support of the labor movement.

They have received help of a substantial kind already. But from the looks of things more and greater help will be needed, especially after the strike is settled and its dramatic incidents are no longer news items for the first page. For the bosses, thru their political hirelings, are plotting to take revenge on the workers who have dealt them such a heavy blow. They are especially determined to "get" Albert Weisbord, the organizer of the strike and the soul of the movement. Three indictments have been brought against him and they aim to railroad him to the penitentiary for a long term if they can put it over quietly.

But we confidently believe they will fail in this conspiracy just as they have failed to break the strike by means of terrorism and suppression. All their brutalities in the strike have reacted against them and produced a contrary effect to the one they counted on. The police terrorism did not break the spirit of the strikers; it only made them more stubborn and determined. It educated them as to the actual role of the government. Moreover, it aroused ever wider and deeper strata of other workers and brought them into active solidarity with the strikers of Passaic and with all that their struggle stands for.

If we realize the issues involved, the frame-up against the strike leaders will have the same result. It must be our aim to accomplish this result and frustrate the conspiracy. Our I. L. D., which has already played its part in the strike, will have the main responsibility of organizing the protest movement.

The Passaic strike marks a milestone in the development of the

American working class. It is a mighty and inspiring spectacle. This is the verdict of all who have seen it in action. It incorporates all the best traditions of the militant movement. It embodies all the old and tried methods of industrial struggle welded together with many ideas that are new and great. The mass picketing, the singing, the militancy and the industrial form of organization which characterized the great strikes led by the I. W. W. in the textile industry are used in Passaic. Together with these go the new ideas of the United Front, the flexible tactics, the establishment of connections with all labor and sympathizing elements, and the constant effort to broaden the base of support and to make room for all who really want to help.

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn is there, representing in her person the experience and militancy of the old fights and pouring it all freely into the strike. Bob Dunn, one of the leaders of the great organization attempt of 1919, Norman Thomas helping in the fight to maintain free speech and assemblage for the strikers, Esther Lowell of the Federated Press, and many others of various political views are part of the United Front at Passaic.

Weisbord and a group of others like him, Jack Rubenstein, Lena Chernenko, Nancy Sandowsky, the new and young ones, knit the whole body together and dominate it with their spirit. America has never before seen a strike like Passaic. The best of the old and the new are fused together there.

Courage and militancy of the rank and file; flexibility, skill and integrity of the leadership—that is Passaic. The bosses have been out maneuvered at every turn.

The Passaic strike teaches over again in a most impressive manner an old lesson well known to experi-

enced militants. That lesson is the part played by the state authority in conflicts between workers and bosses. The experiences at Passaic are also demonstrating the absolute necessity for a permanently organized and always ready non-partisan labor defense organization which we had in mind when we founded the I. L. D. last June. The I. L. D. has played its part in Passaic and will play a yet bigger one before the fight is over.

Any worker who has learned the A. B. C. of the class struggle can tell you that the state authorities—the courts, police, etc., side with the bosses in time of struggle. This is a settled and correct theory which has been confirmed a thousand times in practice. But it is not often that they do it so brazenly and ferociously and in such open defiance of their own laws as they have done it in Passaic.

The picket line, the living symbol of the power of the strike and its greatest weapon, was the first target of the "impartial servants of the people." Streams of ice cold water were turned on the picketers one bitter winter day. Men, women and children were knocked down by policemen's clubs without even a pretext of legal justification. Tear gas bombs were thrown into crowds of strikers and in the confusion and panic that followed they were ridden down by mounted police. Oh! Some great lessons in "Democratic Government" were taught at Passaic!

264 strikers were arrested on various charges, most of them for peaceful picketing in cynical disregard of a state law recently passed which expressly legalizes it. Lena Chernenko and Nancy Sandowsky, two of the moving spirits of the picket line, together with a number of others were arrested and rearrested as fast as bail could be provided. Jack Rubenstein, one of the most active militants, was arrested, beaten up, indicted and held in \$10,000 bail. One striker died as a result of a police clubbing.

The police terrorists made no political discrimination. It didn't matter what one's political or other opinions might be, if he was in the strike or for the strike, he fell foul of the "law" at Passaic. Norman Thomas was arrested and indicted for attempting to speak at a meeting in a free speech test. Robert W. Dunn of the Civil Liberties Union got the same treatment for walking on the picket line after an ignorant sheriff had read the "Riot Act" and proclaimed what he called "Martial Law." Esther Lowell of the Federated Press helped a woman to her feet after she had been knocked down by a policeman's club. She went to



Strikers in Court. INSET: Esther Lowell



Signs which show what they are fighting for in Passaic

jail for it. Injunctions were issued forbidding practically everything.

To cap the climax of the reign of terror, Weisbord was arrested. Three indictments were quickly brought against him and it took thirty thousand dollars and a great deal of outside pressure to get him out on bail pending trial.

Our I. L. D. is on the job at Passaic. Not a single striker went into court without our lawyer to defend him. There was not a single conviction that was not appealed. Nobody had to remain in jail more than a few days for lack of bail. The New York Emergency Strike Relief Committee, with Mrs. Michaelson as secretary, took charge of this end of the work and collected bail to the amount of \$83,150. The American Civil Liberties Union harassed the power-drunk authorities with "Free Speech" tests and tried hard to blow the breath of life into the half-dead body of "Civil Liberty." A great wave of protest spread thru the labor movement and even the most conservative labor leaders were compelled to give expression to it. This powerful and many-sided support of the embattled strikers had its effect and the authorities were compelled to beat a retreat, at least for the time being.

But there cannot be the least doubt that they are determining at all costs to get revenge on Comrade Weisbord "the outside agitator" who is "responsible for all the trouble" and put him safely away for a long term in prison. Nothing short of a powerful, nation-wide and united defense and protest movement will be able to save him for the great and necessary work he is doing and has yet to do.

We realized from the first moment the tremendous importance for the militant labor movement of the Weisbord case. And we understood fully that a narrow, limited or partisan defense would not avail against the powerful forces that are determined

to get him out of the way. Therefore, the International Labor Defense in its first manifesto called for a United Front of all sections of the labor movement for the defense of Weisbord, Thomas, Dunn, Lowell, Rubenstein and all the others arrested in the strike.

The most gratifying success has already been achieved in this project. Unity of action and co-ordination of effort of all forces directly involved in the Passaic fight was accomplished at a conference held in New York City on April 22, of representatives of the United Front Committee of Textile Workers, The International Labor Defense, The American Civil Liberties Union, The League for Industrial Democracy, The Emergency Strike Relief Committee of New York, The Passaic Strikers' Relief Committee and The Federated Press.

At this conference a Joint Committee was formed to co-ordinate the work of the various participating organizations and to ensure complete unity of action. Elizabeth Gurley Flynn was elected secretary of the Joint Committee and the other members are Albert Weisbord, Forrest Bailley, Norman Thomas, James P. Cannon, Mrs. Michaelson, Alfred Wagenknecht, Art Shields and Robert W. Dunn.

By decision of the conference the International Labor Defense will conduct the defense of all the arrested strikers, strike leaders and pickets while the American Civil Liberties Union will have charge of all cases directly involving the issues of free speech and civil liberties. The International Labor Defense will collect a defense fund by authority of the Joint Committee and will be responsible for all expenses involved in the defense. Each organization represented at the conference agreed to give moral and financial support to the tasks undertaken by both the I. L. D. and the American Civil Liberties Union.

As a demonstration of the unifica-

tion of forces in the common fight a mass meeting under the auspices of the joint committee was held in the New Star Casino, New York, on April 28, with Albert Weisbord, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Robert W. Dunn, Norman Thomas and James P. Cannon as the speakers. It was an enthusiastic but deeply serious demonstration, a united front in the real sense of the word, and a most promising beginning of what must and will be developed into a broad and powerful protest movement in behalf of Comrade Weisbord and those who stand in jeopardy with him.

The Passaic fighters are worthy of such a movement. They are the representatives of the new life and spirit which are beginning to manifest themselves in the labor movement of America. They will stand up in the court as the symbols of the right of the workers to organize and fight for better and freer lives. They signify the mighty idea of the united front not merely in theory, but in practice. "They crammed the doctrine into deed." Let us do likewise in our fight for them.

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A Message from Bill Haywood

MEMBERS of the International Labor Defense!
Greetings:

If it were possible to speak with you, I could more fully, more convincingly impress upon you, my feelings as to the great work you have undertaken. Your organization is now giving assistance to many otherwise helpless victims of the worldwide, ages-long class struggle.

Individually you could do but little to help those who have been marked by the hand of greed. Collectively you will be powerful. You will be able to guarantee all that militant workers ask—a fighting chance. It was Joe Hill the I. W. W. song writer who said before he was judicially murdered: "A fair trial is worth the life of any man much more than mine." Joe died because he did not have a fair trial. He was slain as ruthlessly as the helpless cripple, Frank Little, or the fighting war veteran, Wesley Everett, who was emasculated, killed and his body trampled, because he tried to defend his life when attacked by the American Legion. The I. L. D. will remember his eight fellow workers, innocent men who are being grossly, unjustly punished in Walla Walla penitentiary, under sentence of 25 to 40 years. You must work for their speedy release!

No greater injustice has ever been committed than the long imprisonment of Rangel and Cline. They are revolutionaries who were doing their best to help free the Mexican people from a life of peonage. Monuments have been built to Lafayette and Kosciusko who did no more for the United States than Rangel and Cline were doing for the Mexican revolution.

Tom Mooney, Warren Billings, Jim McNamara, Matt Schmidt, Herman Suhr and Sacco and Vanzetti will realize that in the I. L. D. another force has been launched in their support; that as you helped Dick Ford you will also strive on their behalf. Their dependents will no longer suffer. The many members of the I. W. W. unjustly imprisoned for belonging to an organization of their class will appreciate what you do in their behalf. The Michigan trials if continued will require your united attention and energy.

Many of the cases that confront you now could have been averted by

the organized strength that you will develop. Every member of the I. W. W. and every other red-blooded working man and woman should be a member of the International Labor Defense. Voices from prison—the graves of living men—will come to thank you for your deeds.

Money and lawyers are not the only requirements of legal or real defense. Publicity is your strongest agency; agitations and demonstrations. Now is the time to turn the strongest searchlights on the fakers and slimy politicians that have in any way connived either by omission or commission in the conviction of the coal miners at Zeigler.

Members! More members! Get them black, red, brown and yellow, and white if they are good enough to work for men behind prison bars and their needy mothers, wives and children.

One who has been placed in jeopardy as I have been must keenly feel the power of organization. It was to an expression of solidarity on the part of the workers that I owe my life. Their hearts responded to such thrilling messages as that of Eugene V. Debs: "Arouse Ye Slaves! Their only crime is loyalty to the working-class!" We, then in prison, imagined we could hear the measured tread of millions of workers; countless voices shouting: "They shall not die!"

There is always the grave possibility of other serious cases. It is the inevitable result of every earnest effort of the workers to improve their standard of living. It means ignominy, imprisonment and martyrdom. Yet, the struggle will continue for a place in the sunlight of industrial freedom. The millions of unorganized workers in the basic industries of America are not content with a life of wage slavery. The apathy prevailing among the workers, the sluggishness of their blood is partially due to the poisonous fever of war-frenzy. From this they are speedily recovering. There will be strikes of metal miners, lumberjacks, oil workers, coal miners, agricultural



*Yours for the success
of the International
Labor Defense*

Wm. D. Haywood.

Moscow Feb. 13. 1926

workers, fishermen, textile workers, the men on the range, the packing house workers, the women and children in the cotton mills. Among these millions of heavy laden toilers there will be demands and strikes. The work of the I. L. D. will be to protect the victims of capitalist injustice in these coming struggles. These and other phases of the work of a defense organization were discussed by Comrade Jim Cannon and myself here in Moscow before the International Labor Defense was launched. We agreed upon the urgent need of an organization broad enough in concept to reach every worker regardless of race, creed or color.

Personally, perhaps, I am permanently exiled from the land of my birth. But I will be working shoulder to shoulder with you comrades and fellow workers as the world is our field of labor.

Success to the International Labor Defense!

Yours for a society where prisons will no longer be needed.

WM. D. HAYWOOD.



Stanley Paurez



Henry Corbishley



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Wm. Z. Foster



Anton Bimba



John Lamb



Mathias Rakosi



Walter M. Trumbull



Robert W. Dunn



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Warren K. Billings



Nicola Sacco



Charlotte A. Whitney



Bartholomeo Vanzetti



Tom Mooney

Our Second Conference

UNITS of International Labor Defense throughout the country, and our organization now stretches from coast to coast, will soon be busy with preparations to send delegates to the second national conference of I. L. D.

One year of our defense work has almost come to a close and the second year of the organization which was founded in Chicago in June, 1925 will face us with greater tasks than ever before. Cries for working class aid, protest, and defense come from every section of the labor movement and from all corners of the country. From the prisons of American capitalism come the muted cries of the living dead who have been buried for their staunch and unflinching championing of the great cause of the oppressed, the under dog. The machinery of our courts moves implacably to send new scores into American dungeons—workers who have had the courage and mind to fight their own battles. The families of class war prisoners have given cheerfully their all for the working class and need the unstinting support of those on the outside. And every day comes the call for aid and fraternization for the thousands who languish in the prisons of capitalism in the rest of the world.

Our conference will be held sometime in July or August of this year. It will take place either in New York City or in Chicago. Things are beginning to hum in the national office with the preparations and the local units will soon receive material for study and discussion so that their delegates may come to the conference with the opinion of their constituents intelligently represented.

United labor defense on a huge scale: that is our aim. Forward to a big second national conference of International Labor Defense! Build I. L. D. into a mighty shield for the American labor movement!

Heroically fighting for sixteen or seventeen weeks for the most elementary rights of labor, the striking textile workers of Passaic, New Jersey, circle the big empty mills today with lines unbroken and their determination sharpened with the knowledge of support from the workers on the outside.

The Passaic strike has been one of the most bitterly fought in the history of American labor: bitterly suppressed and just as bitterly maintained. Rarely have the governmental authorities so closely identified themselves with the capitalists in a labor struggle as in Passaic.

In the coldest winter days, the strikers have resisted the attacks of police and firemen who sought to quench their ardor by turning streams of water on the pickets with fire hose. The strikers have held their lines fast in the face of brutally wielded police clubs, which have cracked the skulls of more than one textile worker. They have had to put on the gas masks they used in the last war for democracy (?) in order to escape death or serious injury from gas bombs thrown by the protectors of law, order and mill owners' profits. Even workers' children have been just as cruelly beaten, when they paraded in demonstration of protest, as their fathers and mothers who stood on the picket line.

Every day of the strike has seen the arrests of numbers of the pickets and other strikers. With kept magistrates and petty legal officials on the bench of Passaic justice these have been sentenced to varying terms in jail, held in filthy holes, denied their legal rights very often and given a sound taste of the punishment that is meted out to anyone who presumes to demand and fight for a living wage and decent conditions in the textile mills.

But the strikers remained firmer than ever. Desertions from the ranks there were none. Rather, the numbers of the strikers were swelled from week to week by the walkout of hundreds of other mill slaves who were inspired and encouraged by the brave fight of those already out.

And as the determination and solidarity of the strikers increased, when their firm lines continued to encircle the mills defying the clubs of the cops with mass formations and songs on their lips, the bosses and their tools became exasperated. The strike was not like those that had preceded it: little flares of desperate rebellion which were soon clubbed into oblivion.

So a new attempt was made. The bosses—or their supine judicial tools, it is no matter—thought that they would eliminate the leader of the strikers from the picture and then the men would lose heart and leadership and return whipped. Albert Weisbord, the young strike leader who has won the confidence of more than sixteen thousand men and women in Passaic, was arrested on a trumped up charge and held in jail on a monstrously large bail. Together with him were arrested Robert W. Dunn, the author, of the American Civil Liberties Union; Norman Thomas, of the League for Industrial Democracy and the Socialist Party; Esther Lowell, of the New York office of the Federated Press and a number of others.

With these strikers and sympathizers in jail it was hoped that the strike would be broken

The Fight for the Defender

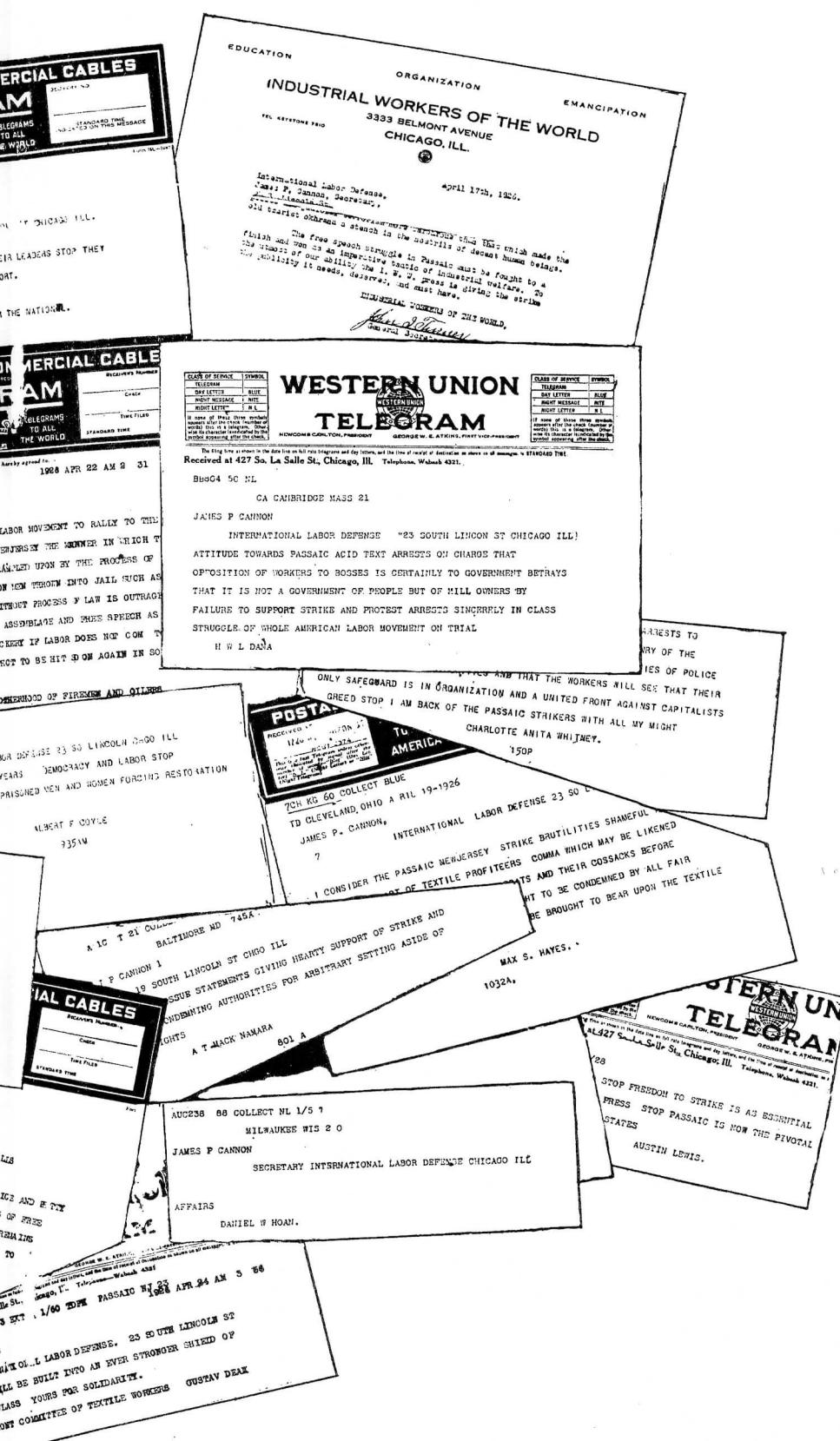


shortly. But the International Labor Defense took up the issue immediately. The I. L. D., which had been actively engaged in giving legal defense and aid to the scores who were being daily arrested in the strike, issued a call for a nation-wide united defense drive which would throw a wrench into the malicious plans of the bosses and keep the strike leaders, strikers and

sympathizers of the strike on the line fighting with the mill workers.

Plans were immediately put into effect for an international campaign of alertness that campaign a decided blow to the judicial murder of Pettibone. And the people

Defense of the Passaic Strike



can be shown than to list the individuals who wrote, or telegraphed their message to I. L. D. A number of the most important ones are given here:

Albert Weisbord, the leader of the strike.

Norman Thomas, arrested with Weisbord and a member of the joint committee of defense and protest.

The American Civil Liberties Union, thru Forrest Bailey.

The United Front Committee of Textile Workers, which is conducting the strike, thru its secretary, Gustav Deak.

Victor Berger, the well-known socialist congressman.

Daniel W. Hoan, the socialist mayor of Milwaukee.

John Haynes Holmes, of the New York Community Church.

Timothy Healy, president of the International Brotherhood of Stationary Engineers, Firemen and Oilers.

Upton Sinclair, the internationally known novelist and radical publicist.

William Montgomery Brown, the "heretic" bishop.

Scott Nearing, the labor educator.

H. W. L. Dana, of the Boston Trade Union College.

William Bouck, president of the Western Progressive Farmers.

Robert Whitaker, the California liberal churchman.

Joseph Schlossberg, general secretary of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.

Andrew T. McNamara, chairman of the I. L. D., formerly business agent of the Pittsburgh District Council, International Association of Machinists.

David Rhys Williams, of Chicago.

Edward C. Wentworth, of Chicago.

John Turner, secretary of the Industrial Workers of the World.

Edward Anderson, of the General Defense Committee, I. W. W.

Colonel C. E. S. Wood, the noted author.

Sara Bard Field, the poetess.

Kate Crane Gartz, of California.

Charlotte Anita Whitney, of California.

Max Hayes, editor of the Cleveland Citizen, official organ of the Cleveland Federation of Labor.

Albert E. Coyle, editor of the Locomotive Engineers' Journal, official organ of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Ralph Chaplin, of the I. W. W.

Austin Lewis, the California lawyer who defended Richard Ford.

Carl Haessler, managing editor of the Federated Press.

Oswald Garrison Villard, editor of the liberal journal, "The Nation."

And others.

The united committee which has been formed, composed of representatives of I. L. D., American Civil Liberties Union, Federated Press, League for Industrial Democracy, United Front Committee of Textile Workers, Passaic Relief Committee, and those arrested, has begun a national campaign. They urge you to contribute and defend the leaders of the Passaic strike.

Protest in masses! Give with a will!

almost unanimous condemnation of the mill bosses and the authorities was forthwith attested to by the scores of messages that greeted the efforts of International Labor Defense and protested against the arrests of Weisbord and the others.

No more definite proof of the unity of opinion which existed in condemning the arrests

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The Ruthenberg Appeal

THE appeal which has just been heard by the present session of the Supreme court of the United States on the conviction of C. E. Ruthenberg in the Benton Harbor, Michigan, court brings the famous Michigan Communist cases to the fore again.

In 1922 operatives of the Department of Justice swooped down upon the convention of the Communist Party which was being held at Bridge-man, Michigan, and arrested sixteen men, all the delegates they could lay hands upon. Warrants, many of them "John Does," were issued for all others who were suspected of having been present at the convention. In all, almost three dozen of men and women were either arrested or gave themselves up to the authorities; among them was one named variously Francis Morrow, Francis Ashworth or K-47, an operative of the Department of Justice who had managed to secure election as a delegate to the convention and became the star witness of the prosecution in the trials that followed.

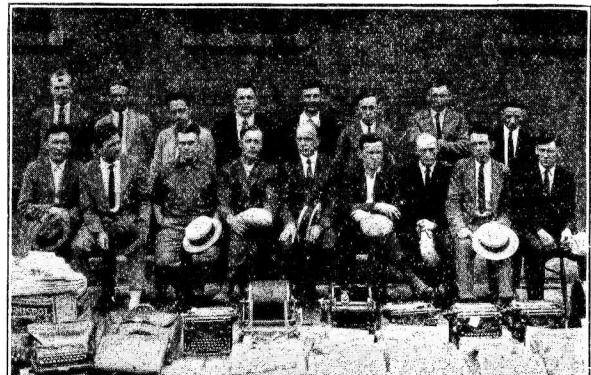
The arrests were made in the period of American capitalist hysteria. Big strikes were taking place or had taken place, strikes on an unprecedentedly large scale: the steel workers, the coal miners, the textile slaves, and the railroad men. As one of the steps in the

capitalist policy of "taking labor down a peg" the Communists were made a special center of prosecution and persecution. The hue and cry was once more raised thruout the country and it appeared that the department of Mr.

Daugherty, the Ohio gentleman of no very certain fame, would be able to measure up to the hectic days of the late but unlamented Mitchell Palmer.

Not only that, but the charges preferred against the Communist defendants were rather unique. They were originally held on the charge of advocating the doctrine of criminal syndicalism and of being members of an organization which taught the doctrine of criminal syndicalism, but neither of these amazing charges were entertained by the trial judge and they were held on the equally amazing charge of "assembling with" an organization which taught the doctrine of criminal syndicalism!

William Z. Foster, the leader of the famous steel strike of 1919, and head of the Trade Union Educational League, was the first to go on trial. With a farmers' jury, a set of stool-pigeon witnesses, the usual George-



A number of the defendants

M. - Cohan - flag - waving prosecutor's speeches, it was significant, for one thing, as a victory for the cause of labor defense, that the jury disagreed on the verdict and Foster was released, subject to be sure, to retrial before a new jury.

The next defendant to be tried was C. E. Ruthenberg, the secretary of the Workers Party. He was convicted of the heinous crime of "assembling with" an organization which taught doctrines in violation of the Michigan syndicalism law. It may well be imagined how many public officials in this country would be, and more legitimately, considered criminal for "assembling with" bootleggers, hi-jackers, grafters, conmen and gentlemen of that stripe! The issue at stake, the right of a working class revolutionary party to carry on its activities, the fact that the attack on the Communists was a part of the general employers' movement against the workers of America, was,



Marching the Communist prisoners manacled thru the streets of Benton Harbor, Michigan

as is usual in such cases, thoroly perverted by the prosecution.

The prosecution of the other defendants was not taken up pending the appeal which was immediately taken to the Supreme Court of the United States in the Ruthenberg case. The Labor Defense Council which was formed for the defense of the Michigan cases, and was led by such men as Robert Buck, editor of the Chicago Federation of Labor's official weekly, the New Majority, Eugene V. Debs, of the Socialist Party, the Rev. John A. Ryan, of the National Catholic Welfare organization, Mrs. Frances C. Lillie and other prominent public and labor men created a nation-wide sentiment and protest movement. When the defense unity conference was held last year, the Labor Defense Council merged into the International Labor Defense which then took over the defense of the Michigan cases along with all the others that came into its field of work.

In the brief prepared by the I. L. D. attorney, I. E. Ferguson, for the U. S. Supreme Court on the Ruthenberg case, the following is said:

"The crime of assembling is an absolute novelty in American criminal law. This is the only case of record in all law books, so far as we have been able to ascertain, in which the judgment depends solely on a charge of assembling with a society devoted to the propagation of a certain form of doctrine. In no other instance in American jurisprudence has it been held within the due process of law to punish as a felony the mere act of assembling with an organization. The startling novelty of this case of itself suggests a departure from established standards of culpability.

"The supreme court of Michigan did not see fit to assimilate the crime of 'assembling' as denounced by the criminal syndicalism act, with common law crime of unlawful assembly. Indeed it was strenuously urged upon the Michigan court that it must have been the legislative intent to make the crime 'assembling' consist of action in aid of present public advocacy of criminal syndicalism, as where several persons jointly arrange and manage a meeting or demonstration, and one or more of them proclaims the forbidden doctrine. But this contention was utterly rejected, with the result that the crime of 'assembling' makes its first appearance in this court divorced from any requirement of actual advocacy of the prohibited doctrine as an element of the crime."

The announced intention of the prosecution of the state of Michigan



C. E. Ruthenberg

is to try the cases of the other thirty defendants as soon as the verdict is upheld, as they hope it will be. The published hope of the prosecuting attorney, that one trial for all of them be held, will never be realized since the defense will insist upon the legal right of having individual trials for every single one of the defendants.

The outcome of the Ruthenberg appeal will be of great importance to the labor movement in general and to labor defense in particular. It will be remembered that none but property owners were permitted on the jury which tried Ruthenberg; that the Department

of Justice sent its agents to the county commissioners of Berrien County with promises of huge funds to be given the county "from sources they were not at liberty to disclose," and Judge White practically reversed his attitude in the Foster trial by hampering the testimony of defense witnesses at every step, and by giving such ridiculous instructions to the jury that it returned a verdict of conviction.

Thruout these trials, from the raids to the end, the agents of the Department of Justice, acting under the orders of William J. Burns, of strike-breaking and jury-fixing fame, were the aggressive factor of the prosecution. It was their spy Morrow who acted as chief witness in the case.

No federal law alleged to have been violated, no overt act was charged, it was not even claimed that a single one of the defendants so much as made a speech advocating "criminal syndicalism" in the state of Michigan. The issue was the clearest case of an attempt to suppress a political party. The sole "crime" charged against them was that of "assembling."

The case is a challenge of the fundamentals of our so-called "democracy." If Ruthenberg's conviction is upheld he must serve from three to ten years in Jackson prison and pay a fine of \$5,000. The trials of his comrades will follow quickly after—with the financial outlay again coming, as the D. of J. men would say, "from sources they were not at liberty to disclose." But we can guess!



Ruthenberg addressing an anti-war meeting in Cleveland



Voices from Prison

Dear Friend and Comrade:

I have received your \$20.00 check the other day and it is the second \$20.00 check I have received from you by Sacco and Vanzetti Defense Committee, and I thank you ever so much for it. I knew that you are anxious to get a few lines from this most humble work comrade, and I wish I could be nearest to you, so I could be able to express all my feelings towards all your kindness and fraternal solidarity that you have toward your two brother comrades and I hope from the bottom of my heart that this glorious day will soon come. Yes, because I sincerely feel a little touched to see your solidarity still strong and unchanged toward your two comrades in prison.

Meanwhile regards to all our friends and comrades for me and also for my comrade, Vanzetti. With all my most warmest and brotherly greetings,

Your loyal brother and comrade,
Ferdinando N. Sacco.

Route 1, Box 1,
Huntsville, Texas.

International Labor Defense,

Dear Friends:

Your check for five dollars came yesterday. I thank you very much and assure you I will appreciate anything you do for me.

I also get the Labor Defender which I enjoy reading. I am getting along very well and have had some encouragement as to getting out of here.

Wishing you success in all your undertakings and best wishes for the Labor Defense, will close.

Am enclosing signed receipt.

Fraternally yours,
Abraham Cisneros.

P. O. Box No. 520,
Walla Walla, Wash.

International Labor Defense.

Dear Comrades:

I am having my wife ship you two horse hair hand bags and a dog collar all made by me. I want you to sell the bags and send the money to my wife, Mrs. Eugene Barnett, R. 2, 12th St., Clarkston, Wash. The last letter I got from her she was broke and the grass there was not big enough to eat. I am sending her twenty dollars today, and that cleans me. The dog collar is for Passaic. More power to them; I hope they win all demands.

The bags are twenty dollars each. You can auction them for as much as you like and send my wife \$40.00 for the two.

I have a horse hair riding bridle with silver mounted Miles City bit, and some more dog collars, hat bands and hair belts. If you want any more of them just let me know. If I can dispose of all I can make my wife and little son won't have to eat grass. With best wishes, I remain,

Your resp't.,
Eugene Barnett.

San Quentin Prison.

Dear Friend:

Thank you for the check for \$5.00 which arrived safely several days ago. I hope you and the other friends are able to endure the freedom of the "grate" outside. I am not so sure that we are as bad off as it appears on the surface.

If they succeed in squelching Mr. Volstead I may apply for parole.

Best wishes to you and our other friends.

Sincerely,
M. A. Schmidt.



Nicola Sacco

Moundsville, W. Va.

Mr. James P. Cannon.

Dear Sir:

Your last check has been received by me, as well as all the others numbering eight in all, and many thanks for the same. They sure have been a great help to me in the way of helping to provide for my family who are the greatest sufferers in this hour of trouble.

I am getting along very well all things considered and am still hoping to be out in the near future. I guess that you have heard of my sentence being reduced from life to eleven years, which was a great relief to me, but still eleven years is eleven years, but at that I feel very grateful for being relieved of that awful life sentence. I want everyone to know that I am still Edgar Combs and I would like to hear from all sympathizers as letters mean so much in the prisoner's life.

Thanking you one and all for the monthly remittance, and again asking that I may

hear from you, I want to always be to all resp't,

Edgar Combs.

P. S.—I hope that the day is near when all class prisoners will be out and joined with their families, as in my opinion they have been the ones that have been neglected by the different trade unions, but that don't mean that they should be untrue to the working man's cause.—E. C.

State Farm, Hobby, Texas.

Rose Karsner,

Dear Comrade:

This will let you know I am well and received the amount of five (5) dollars, for which I thank you all very kindly. And as I didn't receive no letter with the check I am kind of surprised. Let me know if you wrote or not.

Fraternally yours,
Pedro Perales.

Passaic, N. J.

James P. Cannon, Secretary.

Dear Comrade Cannon:

I want to write you to tell you how glad I am that the I. L. D. is conducting my defense. What pleases me most is that a class conscious organization will be the driving force that will defend me.

I know that my defense will be conducted in such a manner that the workers throughout the country will draw the necessary lessons, lessons that will be valuable to them in their struggle towards emancipation.

The value of the I. L. D. cannot be overestimated. It has co-ordinated all the elements that wish to defend the fighters jailed for their working-class activities, and has been able to build up a force and a power that will burst the jail doors open and make our people free.

Fraternally,
Albert Weisbord.

Alcatraz, California.

Dear Comrade Cannon:

Please pardon me for not writing to thank you for the monthly donations from the I. L. D. My apparent ingratitude is due to my desire to answer as many personal letters as possible. I assure you that the monthly check is not only of much material value to men who have no income whatever; it also reminds us that the political prisoners are not forgotten by their fellow-workers on the outside. Above all, I wish to thank you for the generous aid given my parents.

The hearing of my case before the Court of Appeals has been set for June 3rd. Austin Lewis spent Saturday afternoon with me. Mr. Lewis is making every possible effort for my release. I think the case could not be in better hands. The arguments he has prepared will make it difficult, to say the least, for the military authorities to avoid

the real issues or to prevent an expose of the illegal tactics employed to punish me for my political views. All we need is impartial consideration of the facts. This was Mr. Lewis' sixth visit to me since he began work on the case.

Though my imprisonment prevents me from taking an active part in the fight for labor I take the greatest interest in the struggles of the working class for emancipation. All indications show an increasing class consciousness and determination on the part of American workers. This is the greatest source of inspiration to all class war prisoners.

I wish you the greatest success in your

work, and I hope the time is not far distant when jails will not be used to punish workers who have the courage to ask for their rights.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
Paul Crouch.

Thomaston, Me.
Box A,

Mr. J. P. Cannon,
Dear Comrade:

We wish to acknowledge receipt of the checks for five dollars to each of the undersigned, for which please accept our thanks.

Peter J. Dirks will be deported to Holland the last of June, and he would appreciate

very much if you and your comrades could send a little help towards buying decent outgoing clothes, as you are aware that the five dollars given by the state to each inmate leaving here does not go very far, and the clothes cannot stand up under a rain storm without shrinking.

Thanking you for whatever you may be able to do, at the same time sending our sincere thanks and best wishes to all our comrades,

We remain,
Fraternally yours,
Peter J. Dirks,
Danny Fallon,
Thomas Harty.

THE "HOLE"

By Jim Waters

*Alone,
Even as death is alone,
Alone with bitter memories.*

*He sits in the vulturous silence
Of four walls . . . thinking . . . thinking.*

*Only the rancid odors of dampness
Penetrate the gloom.*

*Night crawls huskily
Over the parapets of the prison;
Day sinks westward,
Beating the ashen walls with livid
wings;
But in the dungeon interminable
gloom.*

*Oh, the walls of the dungeon are hard,
The floor of the dungeon is hard,
The silence of the dungeon is hard,
Even as the throes of death are hard,*

*The hollow gloom of the dungeon is
hard.*

*Once a day
The muffled step of the Warden is
heard,
A door screeches open
Flooding the dungeon with blinding
light;
Then gloom . . . and bread . . . and
Water.*

*Once a day
The murderer paces the asphalt ring,
Breathes deeply of sun and air;
But in the dungeon's impenetrable
gloom
The political prisoner sits with bitter
memories.*

*Fifteen years is a long time . . . think-
ing . . . thinking.*

Birthdays of Class War Prisoners

Birthdays of class war prisoners in the United States that occur in the month of June are given below. All friends of the cause of Labor Defense are urged to send appropriate greetings, letters, gifts, etc., to the working class fighters named.

June 3—B. Johanson, 38364, San Quentin, Calif.

June 11—Bartholomew Vanzetti, Bridgewater Hospital, Charleston, Mass.

June 16—John Bruns, 40054, San Quentin, Calif.

June 17—Thomas Harty, Box "A," Thomaston, Me.

June 19—Pedro Parales, Blue Ridge State Farm, Hobby, Texas.

June 30—Jesus Gonzales, 36458, Brazoria Co. Farm, Dewalt, Texas.

Remember those who are on the inside because they fought for you on the outside.

NEWS OF THE MONTH

FROM ZEIGLER.

The results of the appeal for a new hearing in the Zeigler cases made by International Labor Defense, Attorney I. E. Ferguson before Judge J. Kern, at Benton, Ill., courthouse were that seven of the men convicted were refused a new trial and the eighth of them, Martin Simich, was granted one, the judge declaring it his belief that the latter was not present at the union hall when the fighting and shooting took place. Henry Corbishley, Frank Corbishley, Stanley Paurez, Ignatz Simich, Steve Meanovich, and Mike Karadich were given their one to fourteen years at the Chester penitentiary, while Eddie Maleski, being under 19 years of age, was sent to the reformatory, at Pontiac.

An appeal to the supreme court on a writ of supersedus was immediately announced by the defense attorney, and all the men were released on the same bail under which they had been held up until now. The brief will be presented before the supreme court of the state of Illinois sometime in the fall.

It should be recalled that the eight convicted in the original trial were sentenced and declared guilty on the basis of the

same evidence which was presented against the other seven or eight miners who were on trial and declared not guilty. The inconsistency of such a verdict did not secure the granting of a new trial for the framed-up coal diggers.

THE RUTHENBERG APPEAL.

At the end of the month of April, this year, there was argued before the supreme court of the United States the appeal of C. E. Ruthenberg, secretary of the Workers (Communist) Party who was arrested together with a score of other Communists in the raid at Bridgeman, Mich., in August, 1922. I. E. Ferguson, for the International Labor Defense, presented the appeal of Ruthenberg, who was found guilty under the criminal syndicalism law of Michigan after a trial of William Z. Foster, on similar charges, had been lost by the prosecution thru a hung jury.

The charge of assembling with (!) an organization which advocated the doctrine of criminal syndicalism is the only one now being leveled against the Michigan defendants. This startling charge, reminiscent of mediaeval theology, has been thoroly

shattered in the brief prepared by Attorney Ferguson.

If the decision of the Michigan court is upheld by the supreme court it means that Ruthenberg must serve a term of from three to ten years in Jackson prison and pay a fine of \$5,000. The prosecution has announced that as soon as the verdict is upheld by the supreme court it will proceed with the trial of the other Michigan defendants, and, very likely, with the retrial of William Z. Foster.

MAY DAY CASUALTIES.

The sole important casualty of this year's May Day celebrations were the cases of J. Louis Engdahl, editor of The DAILY WORKER, and Abram Jakira, organizer of the Workers (Communist) Party in Pittsburgh. After one of the biggest halls in the city, Carnegie Hall, had been secured for the demonstration, the police announced, at the last minute, that no meeting could be held without a permit; and any attempt to get a permit was unsuccessful.

When workers assembled in front of the hall, ignorant of the police ruling, the latter began driving them away until Jakira stood up at the entrance of the hall and

began to introduce Engdahl as the speaker. He was immediately arrested. Engdahl, who took his place, was also arrested.

The two were held for several hours, during which the crowd was gradually dispersed from the hall, and then they were released on bail.

"What would you do in Chicago if you were denied a permit to hold a meeting? Would you go ahead and violate the law?" the magistrate asked of Engdahl.

"In the first place," replied Engdahl, "no permits are demanded for hall meetings in Chicago. If they were demanded and denied, as they are here, I would certainly hold a protest meeting and test such an ordinance in the courts."

Attorney George J. Shaffer, for the defense, announced that the case would be fought to the finish as a test case.

Sentence was pronounced against the two defendants, for violation of ordinance 57 of Pittsburgh. They were given choice of payment of a \$10 fine or serving 5 days in jail. They refused to pay the fine and served their five days in Allegheny county jail.

Attorney Shaffer has applied for a hearing on a writ of habeas corpus which was heard on May 8.

A BLASPHEMY TRIAL OR A DEPORTATION?

The arrest of three Portuguese workers in Fall River, Massachusetts, charged with blasphemy and anarchy, has been turned into a proposal to deport the defendants. Diaminillo Texeira, Antonio De Costa and Antonio Perreira were arrested at the end of April for the alleged violation of Section 11 and 12, Chapter 214 of the Acts of 1921 of Massachusetts, because the three men "did by distribution of a printed paper advocate, advise and counsel the overthrow by force and violence the government of the commonwealth." The law in such cases

provides a penalty of not more than ten years in the state prison or a fine of \$1,000 in each case.

The printed paper mentioned in the charge is published in the Portuguese language and has been issued for the last 16 months by the three defendants. It is known as "A Luta" (The Struggle). The quotations made from issues of the paper indicate merely a strong agnostic or atheistic trend and at most a philosophic anarchist viewpoint, held by such thinkers as Tolstoi, Kropotkin, Benjamin Tucker, David Thoreau and others. The men have been in this country from 5 to 15 years.

After a hearing in the local court, immigration inspectors William M. Clark and Benjamin Maricle rearrested the men on a federal deportation warrant. Bail for two thousand dollars each was secured and the International Labor Defense immediately furnished counsel and aid.

The prosecution is being backed by the local catholic priest and the Portuguese consul, who are the religious or political opponents of the three workers. It is obviously a shameless frame-up in which the local clergy is co-operating with the agent of a reactionary dictatorship in Portugal—and with American government authorities, who, it seems, are always at the service of reactionary foreign interests.

That the workers were clearly within their rights in the publication of their paper is quite obvious. No overt act is charged against them since none was committed. It is plainly another case in which the authorities are overstepping themselves in their zeal to protect the interests of black reaction against the "encroachments" of enlightenment by workers, no matter what language they speak.

The hearing on the three cases has been set for May 21. Every effort will be made to quash the charges and prevent the deportation.

RECEIPTS FOR MONTH OF MARCH

12560 Carl Guillod, Canton, O.....	\$ 9.20
12561 S. S. Osasto, Loc Newberry, Mich.	2.25
12562 Anne Porter, Local San Jose, Cal.	2.00
12563 Mrs. L. Ritzman, Local Pocatello, Ida.....	3.00
12564 Peter Kraus, Local Utica, N. Y.	12.00
12565 G. E. McMahon, Local Spokane, Wash.....	5.00
12566 Steve Paich, Local Philadelphia, W. Va.....	3.30
12567 K. Lalushis, Courtney, Pa.....	17.00
12568 Hilpa Hukta, Local Gilbert, Minn.	2.95
12569 Finnish Educational Club, Silja Kallis, New Castle, Pa.....	7.00
12570 Elizabeth G. Whitney, San Francisco, Cal.....	10.00
12571 G. Maurer, Local Chicago.....	2.00
12572 Tom Lewis, Coll. from meeting, San Francisco, Cal.....	13.37
12573 Finnish Br., W. Eliason, Cotati, Cal.....	3.80
12574 John Heino, Local Lanesville, Mass.....	2.75
12575 A. Marinoff, Local Chester, Pa.....	4.75
12576 John Sumpolec, Local Endicott, N. Y.....	5.95
12577 Albert S. Epstein, Local Hartford, Conn.....	11.00
12578 S. Godovanny, Lawrence, Mass.....	6.50
12579 John Baka, Bellaire, O.....	1.00
12580 Carmine Giampietri, Barberton, O.	2.55
12581 Marie Suskalo, Shadyside, O.....	5.00
12582 M. Suskalo, Local Bellaire, O.....	8.25
12583 Albert Gerling, Madrid, Ia.....	1.00
12584 Virginia Arnott, Secy, Palo Alto, Cal.....	1.00
12585 Am. Fund for Pub. Serv., New York, N. Y.....	1,000.00
12586 Chicago Local G. Maurer.....	3.00
12587 Barnett Br., Chicago, Ill.....	5.00
12588 Chicago Local G. Maurer.....	4.00
12589 Chicago Local G. Maurer.....	2.00
12590 A. Skawronski, Philadelphia, Pa.....	2.00
12591 Check Redeposited.....	12.67
12592 German Br., W. P. J. Lambert, Newark, N. J.....	1.00
12593 Kazlimeres Zaremba, W. Frankfort, Ill., Collection List.....	46.90

12594 John A. Samulinas, Fitchburg, Mass.....	3.25	12633 Estelle Tarkoff, Boulder, Colo.....	5.00
12595 Louis Schusterman, Detroit, Mich.	1.00	12634 Z. Godive, Richmond, Cal.....	1.00
12596 John Kerr, Eureka, Cal.....	3.30	12635 Void	
12597 Joe Baburich, McKees Rocks, Pa.....	18.30	12636 Andrew Young, Local O'Fallon, Ill.	2.50
12598 Walter Seelert, Local San Francisco, Cal.....	10.50	12637 A. Sereduk, Methuen, Mass. Donation from Russian Women.....	15.00
12599 Walter Seelert, Local San Francisco, Cal.....	1.75	12638 John Kvitauskas, Racine, Wis.....	5.00
12600 M. Haniotis, Dorothy, W. Va.....	1.00	12639 Local Chicago, G. Maurer.....	4.00
12601 Dee Harrison, Local Kansas City, Kans.....	10.50	12640 Julius Bolyog, Local Nixon, N. J.	2.00
12602 Dee Harrison, Local Kansas City, Kans.....	34.00	12641 L. J. Liutkus, Local Elizabeth, N. J.....	4.00
12603 Void		12642 A. N. Routhier, Detroit, Mich.....	5.00
12604 Joseph Walla, Local So. Brownsville, Pa.....	1.60	12643 Local Union No. 2881 U. M. W. A. Ind.....	50.00
12605 Check Redeposited.....	52.00	12644 J. P. Keisen, Local E. Chicago, Ind.....	2.15
12606 G. Maurer, Local Chicago.....	1.00	12645 Victor Genrich, Christopher, Ill.....	1.00
12607 G. Maurer, Local Chicago.....	1.00	12646 Mr. J. Henzel, Albany, N. Y.....	1.00
12608 Alex Tishon, Local Kenosha, Wisc.....	2.20	12647 John Bozanic, Yalier, Ill., Receipts from a dance.....	86.00
12609 John Drazenovich, Slovenian Sick Benefit Assn., Purglove, W. Va.....	2.00	12648 M. E. Hellman, Local Ft. Bragg, Cal.....	10.70
12610 Eli Mistorovich, Local South Bend, Ind.....	10.00	12649 M. E. Hellman, Local Ft. Bragg, Cal.....	20.00
12611 Ellen Hayes, Wellesley, Mass.....	1.00	12650 D. C. Branhams, Local Mt. Vernon, Wash.....	3.00
12612 W. Meldzine, Detroit, Mich.....	7.25	12651 Wallace Metcalf, Local Youngstown, O.....	12.00
12613 Arthur Fechel, Local Troy, N. Y.	3.40	12652 Bulgarian Br., I. L. D., Detroit, Mich.....	1.40
12614 M. J. Egovdik, Local Flint, Mich.....	2.10	12653 F. L. Krasick, Local Denver, Colo.....	35.00
12615 G. Maurer, Local Chicago.....	1.00	12654 Z. Klips, Chicago, Ill.....	5.00
12616 Mrs. John Nigro, Marion, Ill.....	1.00	12655 R. E. Rooney, Local Duluth, Minn.....	3.50
12617 N. Esterkin, Local Cincinnati, O.....	4.75	12656 Lillian Berman, Philadelphia, Pa.....	3.00
12618 E. Myllymaki, Local Concord, N. H.....	1.60	12657 Steve Breznich, Belle Vernon, Pa.....	11.75
12619 Petar Chanag, Leisenring, Pa.....	17.00	12658 G. Maurer, Local Chicago.....	26.50
12620 Mr. August Martin, Bronx, N. Y.....	2.00	12659 G. Maurer, Local Chicago.....	2.00
12621 A. Hoffman, Local Allentown, Pa.....	5.00	12660 J. P. Polin, Superior, Wis.....	2.00
12622 Myryen Atina, Melcher, Ia.....	1.00	12661 Z. Savchik, Sanatorium, Colo.....	1.50
12623 Edmund L. Seidel, Providence, R. I.....	1.00	12662 W. P. Lettish Br., Oakland, Cal.....	22.71
12624 L. Mitseff, Local Portland, Ore.....	3.50	12663 Local San Francisco, Cal.....	40.00
12625 L. Mitseff, Portland, Ore.....	3.50	12664 James N. Sager, Mayaguez, P. R.....	.30
12626 A. A. Badurina, Raymond, Wash.....	3.00	12665 Local Los Angeles, Cal.....	150.00
12627 L. Berman, Philadelphia, Pa.....	4.60	12666 Local Denver, Colo.....	32.10
12628 John G. Zittel, Local Saginaw, W. S. Mich.....	1.40	12667 Dee Harrison, Local Kansas City, Kans.....	33.00
12629 G. Maurer, Local Chicago.....	100.00	12668 Chas. Kerr, Local Eureka, Cal.....	20.00
12630 G. Maurer, Local Chicago.....	1.50	12669 Elmer McMillan, Local St. Louis, Mo.....	13.00
12631 G. Maurer, Local Chicago.....	6.00	12670 J. Potts, Detroit, Mich.....	1.00
12632 Joseph Yez, Endicott, N. Y.....	6.00	12671 G. Maurer, Local Chicago, Ill.....	1.00

Building the I. L. D.

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fense of Weisbord and the other strike leaders and pickets who have been arrested. This is being done in full agreement with the joint committee which was formed for this purpose, consisting of representatives from the Civil Liberties Union, the League for Industrial Democracy, the International Labor Defense, the United Front Committee, and the Federated Press.

New York Local I. L. D. together with the Civil Liberties Union already held a very successful mass meeting for the Passaic Defense at which a collection of over \$600 was taken.

Local Chicago is arranging a similar meeting.

Stanley Clark, well-known labor orator, who is working in Passaic at present, will make a tour under auspices of I. L. D. to all our locals in behalf of the Passaic defense.

The Second Annual Conference.

Preparations are moving forward definitely for the holding of the second annual conference of International Labor Defense. The agenda is being worked out and will be published in the Labor Defender in time to give the branches a chance to discuss it and form their opinions.

A questionnaire has been sent out to all secretaries for data regarding the membership of the branches. This information is needed for basing the branch representation on. All secretaries should send this information to the national office just as quickly as possible.

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